

Llyn y Cwn; I have also gathered it in old peat-pits near the outlet of the Llanberris Lakes, and near Dolgelley, N. Wales.

It is a very distinct species, and in the great length of its joints remarkably differs from the other species of this genus.

Filaments pale green, very slender, and without a mucous sheath. The joints are cylindrical when viewed transversely, and have two minute angles. The endochrome, stellate, as in the other species, has five or six rays.

That the crenatures are situated in the angles and not in a groove as in *D. mucosum*, is shown by their prominence and disappearance at regular distances as in *D. cylindricum*, which results from the twisting of the filament.

The notch seems less like an interruption of the outline than in the other species, but rather as if the angles were attached to the sides of the joint.

The joints are somewhat inflated. When the angles are not visible they resemble small barrels placed end to end. Where the angles are fully displayed, the appearance may be compared to the juxtaposition of two flower-pots by their mouths, the rims and interval between which will represent the crenated angles.

On account of the great length of the joints, the division of the endochrome into two portions is very strongly marked.

LIV.—*Note on the Saw-Fly (Lyda inanita) the subject of M. Huber's paper in the preceding Number.* By J. O. WESTWOOD, Esq., F.L.S. E.S., &c.

*To Richard Taylor, Esq.*

DEAR SIR,

YOUR readers will be interested to learn that the curious insect whose proceedings are detailed in the last number of the 'Annals' is a native of this country. For ten years past I have observed it on the rose-trees in my garden at Hammersmith, where I have watched its proceedings in detail, and had prepared a history of it with a view to publication. A short abstract of my observations on it was published in my 'Introduction to the Modern Classification of Insects,' vol. ii. p. 107, accompanied by a figure of the case as well as of the perfect insect (with which M. Huber was unacquainted), and which is the *Lyda inanita*, which appears in the imago state in the last week of May, flying about the bushes in the garden with great velocity and settling on the leaves in the sunshine, its splendidly golden-coloured wings rendering it a very beautiful object.

I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,  
JOHN O. WESTWOOD.